

NOTES BY THE WHY.

How Things Appear to Different People We Meet.

Mr. R. J. Shields, who was a resident of Scotland Neck for several years, has built up a large business at Hobgood. He believes in persistent push and healthy economy.

Dr. K. Leggett at Hobgood is interested in farming besides attending to his large practice. He says it is next to impossible to get hands to pick cotton. A large part of his cotton crop was still untouched last week.

Dr. C. A. Whitehead still has pleasant things to say about his home county. He says Halifax people are among the best people in the world and he recalls many pleasant features of his early life in Halifax. He has seen somewhat of Western life and has made many observations for one so young; but sticks to it that Halifax county is one of the very best places he has ever found and its people are among the cleverest and noblest.

Mr. John W. Day, the well known livery man of Tarboro, has considerable interest in agriculture. He is up bright and early to visit his farms near town and is perhaps as well posted on farming as on horses and mules. He says the cotton acreage is larger this year than it was last year, but the yield is not so good; and therefore, the crop will not be any larger. Mr. Day remembers a number of his friends in Scotland Neck and speaks well of them.

Mr. J. R. Harrell, who was a resident of Scotland Neck some years ago, has been living in Tarboro several years. He entertains pleasant memories of Scotland Neck people and has nice things to say of them. Mr. Harrell said that he has often said and sticks to it, that THE COMMONWEALTH is the best weekly paper in the State, published in a town the size of Scotland Neck. We made our bow to Mr. Harrell and thanked him "for the word."

Mr. W. L. Stallings, one of the prosperous farmers of Edgecombe county, says he thinks farmers have made a mistake in paying so much for picking cotton, and that they have shown themselves too anxious for pickers. They have sent wagons to haul pickers to and from the cotton fields and have somewhat spoiled the laborers. Mr. Stallings said he had plenty of cotton to be picked and if the hands will come to the fields he will be glad to pay them for their work, but otherwise they can let it alone.

Mr. G. R. Gammons thinks that labor is badly disorganized, but he still purchases farm property. We passed a new farm he has purchased recently. It is the Whitfield farm near what is known as Coffield's bridge. He is handsomely fitting it up with new tenant houses. Besides a good overseer's home he has built seven good framed houses for tenants. Mr. Gammons is one of the most progressive farmers in the country, and makes handsome profits on his investments.

Mr. R. B. Peters, one of Tarboro's most progressive business men, and who does a good wholesale business, says that the Retail Merchants' Association has worked well in Tarboro. He says that the effect has been good on business. It has helped conditions wonderfully and made it much easier to collect accounts that heretofore would be regarded as almost worthless. A better feeling has been engendered among the merchants, and the work of the Association has done no one any harm.

Mr. W. E. House, who has been superintendent of public road work in Edgecombe county for four years, has done some good work for the county. His experience is worth much, and he says that the results of the road work in Edgecombe are satisfactory. The tax is 15 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 49 cents on the poll. He has 33 hands at work now and works the main roads from the principal towns first. Mr. House thinks that no good road can be made with a narrower limit than 24 feet.

It was the writer's pleasure to meet Mr. J. B. Stokes of Windsor in Hotel Farrar in Tarboro the other day. Mr. Stokes said that Bertie county is all right in the Democratic column, and there is no trouble or irregularity except the episode of Mr. J. H. Etheridge running as an independent candidate for the Legislature. Mr. Etheridge has been a good, strong and faithful Democrat all the time; but he thinks he was justified in running as an independent candidate against Mr. W. Mitchell who was in the Senate 20 years ago. Mr. Etheridge thinks there was some irregularity at the primary in one township.

Mr. H. B. McNair, one of Tarboro's most engaging gentlemen, has just returned from a trip to Yellow Stone Park. He spent considerable time hunting the elk and other game, and extremely interesting as he relates

his experience. He slept in a blanket at night and would often wake in the morning under a snow, which the sun would soon melt away. Mr. McNair says it is the finest country in the world, perhaps; and English tourists express great surprise that people of America should go abroad to find beautiful scenery. To hear Mr. McNair talk of his experience and pleasure out there makes one wish to go West and rough it awhile in order to have the opportunity of seeing that beautiful land which nature has so lavishly and gorgeously painted with beauty.

America Partial to Cocoanuts.

Sunny South.

The mooted question whether the coconut is officially regarded as a "nut" or a "fruit" has been settled in a report on cocoanuts recently made by the department of agriculture. Although known as a nut, the department characterizes it as a "tropical fruit." The report says in part:

With the exception of a few hundred dollars' worth grown annually in Florida, no cocoanuts are produced in continental United States. A tropical fruit, grown almost exclusively on islands and in tropical countries bordering upon the sea, there is little territory in the United States proper adapted to its cultivation. The large quantities of cocoanuts and their products consumed in this country are practically all imported.

With the acquisition of territory after the close of the Spanish-American war there came into the possession of the United States a number of islands upon which coconut production is a considerable economic factor. In the Philippines it not only plays an important part in the domestic economy of the people, but the exportation of copra (dried meat of the coconut) constitutes one of the largest items of their export trade, returning to the archipelago from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a year. In the small island of Tutuila of the Samoan group copra is the chief article of export, upward of 500 tons being shipped out annually. In Porto Rico the area in cocoanuts in 1899, according to the census, was 5,447 acres. From none of these possessions, however, does the United States now obtain any important part of its heavy imports of cocoanuts and their products.

These nuts and their products are imported into the United States principally in three forms, as cocoanuts in the shell, as copra, broken meat, desiccated and not desiccated, and as coconut oil. Of these by far the most important as measured by value, is coconut oil, the deliveries from custom houses and warehouses for consumption in the United States in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, having been 40,074,800 pounds, valued at \$2,494,442. These were the heaviest imports of coconut oil ever made into the United States, the previous high record having been in 1894-'95, when the quantity delivered for consumption amounted to 31,722,014 pounds, valued at \$1,340,208. The principal uses to which the oil is put in the United States is the blending with other oils in the manufacture of soap, in confectionery, medicinal preparations, food compounds, for the preparation of textiles and for other purposes.

Next in importance to coconut oil are the imports of cocoanuts in the shell, of which the deliveries for consumption in the fiscal year 1902-'03 amounted in value to \$908,226. As to the quantities of nuts in the shell imported there is no official record, but a rough estimate based upon the total value of the imports and the average price of cocoanuts annually imported into the United States ranges from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000. As is well known, these nuts are consumed in the United States chiefly in the raw state and in the manufacture of confectionery, prepared foods, etc.

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7. Discipline as life disciplines. It does not scold, it does not plead, it does not fly into a passion. It simply teaches that every deed has its adequate effect.

8. Do not laugh at the little sorrows and pains of child life. Nothing wounds a child more than to find ridicule where it looked for sympathy.

9. In illness and anger protect, nurse, cherish, and cheer as much as in your power. And do not weaken your vitality by giving way to anguish and sorrowing. What can be done must be done as well as possible.

10. Do not forget the happiness of having a child include the duty of smoothing his way in the world—of endowing him with health, gladness, courage, vigor; of finally letting him live his own life freely and in his own way. Your say you have had in advance, for your sorrowing was happiness and your sacrificing joy.

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